

What is claimed is:

1. An image sensor, comprising:

a plurality of units, each unit associated with

5 accepting a pixel of an image, and each unit having a photoreceptor therein, a follower transistor, connected to said photoreceptor, a select transistor connected to said photoreceptor, and a reset transistor which controls applying a reset level;

10 a first bias line providing power to at least one of said transistors for a first unit, and a second bias line providing power to another of said transistors, different than said one of said transistors of said first unit, such that said one and said another transistors are separately  
15 powered by separate bias lines.

2. An image sensor as in claim 1 wherein said first bias line powers the follower transistor and said second bias line powers a reset transistor.

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3. An image sensor as in claim 1 wherein said photoreceptor is a photodiode.

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8. An image sensor as in claim 1 wherein said photoreceptor is a photogate, and further comprising a floating diffusion portion in the substrate connected to said follower transistor, and further comprising a transfer gate, coupled between said photogate and said floating diffusion, which is activated to allow charge in said photogate to dump into said floating diffusion.

9. An image sensor as in claim 8 further comprising  
10 a reset diffusion storing a reset level, and wherein said  
reset transistor is connected between said floating  
diffusion and said reset level.

10. An active pixel sensor comprising:  
15 an array of photosensors, each element of the array including a photoreceptor, an in pixel follower connected to an output of said photoreceptor, and a select line connected to said follower transistor;

a reset transistor connected to reset a level of  
20 charge produced by said photoreceptor; and

a pair of biasing connections including a first biasing connection connected to said reset transistor, and a second biasing connection, separated from said first biasing connection, connected to said follower.

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supply source over a second line totally separate from said first power supply line.

15. A sensor as in claim 14, wherein said first transistor and said second transistor have drains which are not electrically connected.

16. A sensor as in claim 14, further comprising a steady state current generator, providing a first, "on" mode connecting the columns to ground and a second "off" mode which provides floating columns.

17. A method of acquiring an image, comprising:  
acquiring image pixels during a first part of a cycle;  
15 resetting the level of charge that image pixels during the second part of the cycle, wherein said reset level is boosted during said second part of said cycle and not during said first part of said cycle.

20 18. A method as in claim 17, wherein said resetting comprises using a first bias source to bias a follower transistor, and using a separate second bias source to bias a reset transistor.

19. An image sensor, comprising:

a plurality of units, each unit associated with  
accepting a pixel of an image, and each unit having a  
photoreceptor therein, a follower transistor, connected to  
5 said photoreceptor, a select transistor connected to said  
photoreceptor, and a reset transistor which controls  
applying a reset level a unit that is different than the  
unit in which said reset transistor is physically located.

10 20. An image sensor as in claim 19, further  
comprising

a first line controlling a selection of said unit; and  
a second line providing bias for said unit.

15 21. An image sensor as in claim 19, wherein said  
second line provides bias for a follower of a first unit  
and for a reset level associated with a second unit.